It has also been decided to connect less accessible towns of North Eastern States through helicopter service, to be coperated by Pawan Hams Ld., initially on a limited scale, with two helicopters, to serve interior areas of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

Air Ind/a agreement' with foreign airlines for Haj pilgrims

7719. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has entered into an agreement with a foreign Airlines to send Haj pilgrims to jeddah and back in 1995.

(b) if So, what is the name of that Airline, what amount in terms of Indian, rupee that company had mentioned in the quotation to be charged per head;

(c) for what amount in terms of Indian rupee per pilgrim Air India had contracted to pay to this foreign Airlines; and

(d) what are the details of the over heads earmarked by Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India has entered into an agreement with M/s. Tower Air to ferry Haj pilgrims to and from India. M/s. Tower Air had quoted Rs. 1,87,425 per block, hour covering Aircraft hire, Crew, all Maintenance support, Hull/third party and Insurance and fuel with condition of guaranteed uilisa-tion of 500 block hours in a month. M/s. Tower Air was not required to quote the fare per head.

(c) The amount payable to M/s. Tower Air works out to Rs. 14962.50 per pilgrim for round trip.

(d) The expenditure of overheads (passenger legal liability insurance, land ing, handling, navigation, catering on] board, staff costs and other allowances) to be incurred by Air India is appro mately Rs. 7.17 crores.

Private airlines operating on profit ea mg routes

7720. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHI
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AV1ATK AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the reasons for the private Airlii being allowed to operate mainly on pro earing routes; and

(b) the reasons for they not being ask to operate their Airlines on uneconomie routes along with the profit earni routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVI TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULA NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In accordar with the guidelines issued on 1.3.94, I scheduled domestic operators are quired to deploy at least 10 percent the capacity deployed on trunk/brar routes, on routes in the North-Easte region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep. Of the pacity so deployed, at least 10 perco has to be within the region itself.

Projects for Development of Tourist Centres in Orissa

7721. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATIC AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the number of pr jects under implementation in differe tourist centres in Orissa;

(b) whether there is a need to expedi the Completion of these projects in ord to attract the domestic as well as forei tourists; and

(c) if So, the step taken by Gover ment in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVI TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULA NABI AZAD): (a) The following project